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Date 21 January 1963

TO : Deputy Director/Intelligence  
Deputy Director/Plans  
Deputy Director/Support

SUBJECT : Visit of the President to Costa Rica 17-18-19 March  
for Meeting of the Central American Presidents

REFERENCE:

We have been advised that the President plans to attend a meeting of the Presidents of Central America, 17-19 March, in San Jose, Costa Rica. We should commence immediately our planning for this meeting in accordance with the standard operating procedures for such meetings. The CI Staff of DD/P is responsible for being the focal point of liaison with the Secret Service on security matters. OCI/DDI should prepare a run-down on each country, coordinating at the working level with the State and Defense Departments. Biographic sketches should be prepared on the Presidents, Foreign Ministers, and other individuals who will be present at the conference and of interest to the President and the Secretary of State. [ ]

the President prior to his departure for the conference. The usual procedures will be in effect for keeping the White House and the State and Defense Departments alerted during the period prior to the conference of potential political or security factors which might affect the President's attendance. Information copies of material prepared on this conference should be routed to this office for the information of the DDCI, DDCI and the undersigned.

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Lyman B. Kirkpatrick  
Executive Director

cc: Deputy Director/Research

February 1963

MEMORANDUM

63-5784

SUBJECT: Security Situation in Central America

1. The outstanding common characteristic of the countries of Central America, with relation to the problem of dealing with Communism and Castroism, is their inability, or unwillingness, to cooperate with one another. The political differences which separate these countries are far stronger than any force which has appeared to date to unite them. There is some hope that real concern for the spread of Communism, from its Cuban base, might be made the catalyst which could cause them to unite - at least in respect to their internal security problems.

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2. The nature of Castro's threat to each country must be made clear. A simple illustration will perhaps bring home the idea that the USSR, through Castro, is not just aiming at the USA, but at each individual country in Latin America. As an example, it might be pointed out that Communists who travelled from a South American country for training were required to fill out a questionnaire among whose 58 questions were the following:

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1. Executive Director  
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13 Mar 1963

Attached is paper prepared for President's trip to Costa Rica in March.

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